

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:  | § |                        |
| Douglas W. Hall        | § |                        |
|                        | § | Group Art Unit: 2883   |
| Serial No.: 09/105,572 | § |                        |
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| Confirmation No.: 5745 | § |                        |
|                        | § | Examiner: Eric K. Wong |
| Filed: June 26, 1998   | § |                        |
|                        | § | Customer No.: 47389    |
| For: FIBER AMPLIFIER   | § |                        |
| HAVING MODIFIED GAIN   | § |                        |
| SPECTRUM               | § |                        |

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 11, 2008**

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 11, 2008, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVAN/000845/WCG for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.